

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1 - 137. (Cancelled)

138. (Currently Amended) An aqueous solution substantially free of precipitates or particles comprising:

- (i) a first material selected from the group consisting of an aqueous soluble bile acid salt, a bile acid conjugated with an amine by an amide linkage, and combinations thereof;
- (ii) a second material selected from the group consisting of ~~an aqueous soluble starch conversion product, an aqueous soluble non-starch polysaccharide~~ **maltodextrin, dextrin, corn syrup, corn syrup solid, soluble starch, and dextrans**, and combinations thereof; and
- (iii) ~~water,~~ **at least one alkali, and**
- (iv) **water,**

wherein the first and second materials both remain in solution for all pH values obtainable in an aqueous system.

139. (Currently Amended) The solution of Claim 138, wherein the solution is selected ~~form~~ **from** the group consisting of a syrup and a thick syrup.

140. (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138, wherein the bile acid portion of said first material is selected from the group consisting of ursodeoxycholic acid, chenodeoxycholic acid, cholic acid, hyodeoxycholic acid, deoxycholic acid, 7-oxolithocholic acid, lithocholic acid, iododeoxycholic acid, iocholic acid, tauroursodeoxycholic acid, taurochenodeoxycholic acid, taurodeoxycholic acid, glyoursodeoxycholic acid, taurocholic acid, and glycocholic acid.

141. (Cancelled)

- 142.** (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138, wherein the solution comprises one or more additional bile acid salts and amine-conjugated bile acids conjugated by an amide linkage.
- 143.** (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138 further comprising an agent having anti-inflammatory activity.
- 144.** (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138 further comprising an agent having analgesic activity.
- 145.** (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138 further comprising an agent having anticonvulsant activity.
- 146.** (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138 further comprising an agent capable of prolonging survival time in hypoxic conditions.
- 147.** (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138 further comprising an agent capable of alleviating or ameliorating a condition selected from the group consisting of stomatitis, gingivoglossitis and toothache.

148. (Currently Amended) An aqueous solution ~~substantially~~-free of precipitates or particles comprising:

- (a) a first material selected from the group consisting of an ursodeoxycholic acid salt, an ursodeoxycholic acid conjugated with an amine by an amide linkage, and combinations thereof;
- (b) a second material which is maltodextrin; ~~and~~
- (c) ~~water,~~at least one alkali, and
- (d) water,

wherein the first and second materials both remain in solution for all pH values obtainable in an aqueous system and wherein the weight ratio of the second material to the first material is about 25:1.

149-151. (Cancelled)

152. (New) The solution of Claim 138, wherein the aqueous solution is free of all precipitates or particles.

153. (New) The solution of Claim 148, wherein the aqueous solution is free of all precipitates or particles.

154. (New) An aqueous solution free of precipitates or particles comprising:

- (i) a first material selected from the group consisting of an aqueous soluble bile acid salt, a bile acid conjugated with an amine by an amide linkage, and combinations thereof;
- (ii) a second material selected from the group consisting of maltodextrin, dextrin, corn syrup, corn syrup solid, soluble starch, and dextrans, and combinations thereof; and
- (iii) water,

wherein the first and second materials both remain in solution for all pH values obtainable in an aqueous system.

155. (New) The solution of Claim 154, wherein the aqueous solution is free of all precipitates or particles.